Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know Government has any objection to so amend the rules as to make the courts to do it? *Suo moto*?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* That requires consideration.

Mr. President: The question is being examined.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* I may bring to the notice of the Government that I know Mr. C. Achyuta Menon of the Trichur Bar who was convicted as a political prisoner was kept in the third class. It was because he did not move for a special treatment.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* With the permission of the Chair I shall read a booklet written by Mr. C. Achyuta Menon "a jail bird of the State".

Mr. President: On what subject?

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* On his experiences in our jail.

Mr. President: Since the Hon'ble Member has been informed that Mr. C. Achyuta Menon did not plead for special treatment, I do not consider that his experience in the third class is a very relevant question here. I can assure the Hon'ble Member that I will look into the question.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Thank you, Sir, I do not press the motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

The demand of Rs. 64,378 under "17—Jails" was put and carried

12. Jails (Cranganur)—Rs. 369

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 369 under "12—Jails (Cranganur)".

Demand put and carried

18. Police—Rs. 2,93,673

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Mr. President, Sir. I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 2,93,676 under "18—Police". Originally I did not really intend to make a speech in support of my motion. Here in this State which is far advanced in the political field, the Government in practice are in a large measure responsive to the opinion of this House and to the opinion of the public. So when I ask for an allotment I think I should explain the position and make my claim to the satisfaction of this House. Essentially I am only a Police man not much accustomed to politics or parliamentary methods. I will put my ideas in my own way and I do hope the House will have satisfaction.

The one peculiar feature which I notice in the budget for the Police this year is that the allotment of last year is enhanced by about Rs. 56,000. And this increase, I find, is mainly due to 4 heads of extra expenditure, and this extra expenditure is not of a recurring nature and is peculiar to the existing conditions. The first item of this extra expenditure is due to the dearness allowance and the second is due to house-rent allowance granted to the poorly paid subordinates of the Police Force. These two allowances together are responsible for nearly half the enhanced amount of this year's budget. I have no doubt at all that the Hon'ble Members are thoroughly in support of these allowances, the dearness allowance and the house-rent allowance. On the other hand I am aware that the Hon'ble Members are very much in favour of the Police men being treated much more liberally and the Hon'ble Members are of the opinion that even the scale of pay of the Police subordinates must be enhanced. When I first came here I also got an impression that the Police subordinates in the State were poorly paid. That was the first impression, and I do not know how I got that impression. With that impression I thoroughly went into the question but soon discovered that I had made a mistake. Now I find that some Hon'ble Members appear to have been in the same position as I was myself and that is because they did not know or do not even now know what exactly is the scale of pay in the various classes of the Police subordinates. I am thoroughly satisfied that the subordinate Police officers in the State are far far better than in most of the Indian States. I am not giving my opinion for your consumption. I am giving you facts and figures from which you can judge for yourselves. An ordinary constable here has got a scale of pay from Rs. 12 to Rs. 16. We have been in the habit of comparing our standard with our neighbouring State, the sister State, Travancore. I think, I may be excused if I make a comparison with that State. In Travancore the scale of pay of a constable starts at Rs. 11 instead of Rs. 12 as is in our State, and the highest scale is Rs. 14 and not Rs. 16 as in this State. Then if we come to the Head constable, the scale of pay there is Rs. 18 as it is here. There, it stops at Rs. 25 whereas we have advanced it to

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